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A GUIDE MAP TO
PENNSYLVANIA HISTORIC PROPERTIES

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INTRODUCTION

Scenes out of Pennsylvania's past spring to life for the inquiring traveler on the *Pennsylvania Trail of History*. From the east of the Commonwealth to the west, the many historic landmarks on the *Trail of History* offer vivid insight into the lives of people great and small who have had a part in the history of Pennsylvania—and of America. Visitors come by the thousands, and they testify that you too, whatever your interest, will find hours of pleasure and reward in following the same adventure.

The Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, a Commonwealth agency, administers and maintains the historic sites and museums on the *Trail of History*. But these are not all. Other agencies, public and private, maintain important historic sites which are open to visitors in the Commonwealth.

Guides are available at most of the Commission's historic sites. Museums which will strengthen the impact of the historic sites are being developed at several properties. Some of the sites make a small admission charge, which aids in the development of historical programs. Descriptive folders on each property may be obtained from the Historical and Museum Commission, Box 232, Harrisburg 17108.

These are the historic sites and museums now open on the *Pennsylvania Trail of History:*

1. The Swedes began the settlement of New Sweden—Delaware and southeastern Pennsylvania—in 1638. In 1643, firm-handed Johan Printz became governor and that year built his capital at Essington, Delaware County, Pennsylvania. Visitors may see the foundations of his Printzhof at the **GOVERNOR PRINTZ PARK,** a few blocks from the junction of Pa. 291 and 420.

2. The Finns, who were brought here by the Swedes, gave America the log cabin. One, the **MORTON HOMESTEAD,** 17th-century home of the Swedish grandfather of John Morton, signer of the Declaration of Independence, is open to visitors in Prospect Park, Delaware County, on Pa. 420 at Darby Creek.

3. William Penn, Quaker idealist and social and political reformer, established Pennsylvania in 1681. A handsome re-creation of his country home, **PENNSBURY MANOR,** and its lovely grounds can be visited northeast of Philadelphia on the Delaware River. Near U. S. 1 and 13, Pennsbury can be reached south from Morrisville or east from Tullytown.

15. **WARRIOR RUN CHURCH,** a beautiful Greek Revival country church, is located on Pa. 147 north of McEwensville, Northumberland County.

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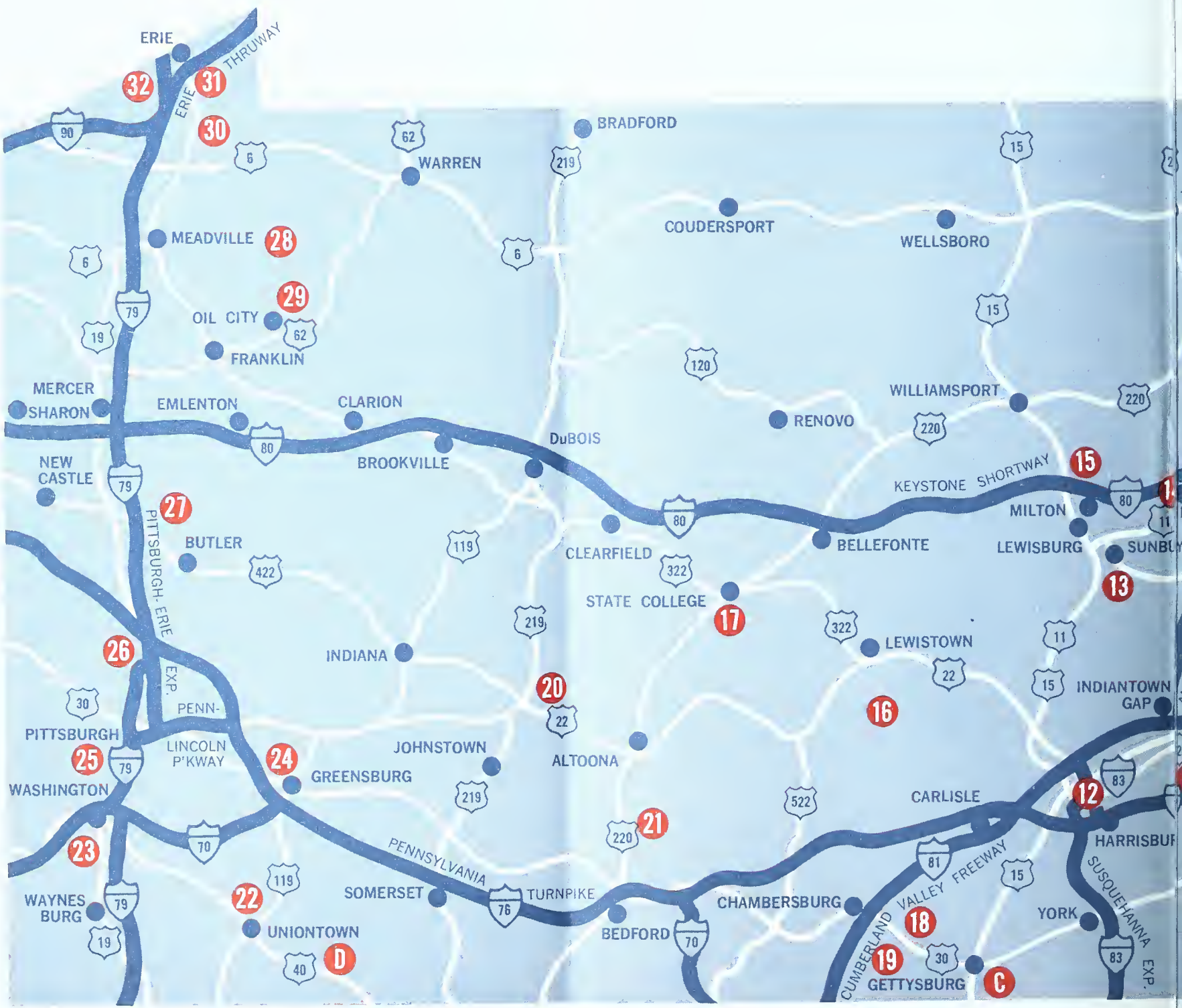
There are other places to visit for those with historical interests. The leading cities have significant museums, and most of the counties have historical societies, many with museums and some with historic houses.



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4. **GRAEME PARK** is an unusual and charming country house of the 18th century. Built by Governor Sir William Keith in 1721-22 to make beer, Dr. Thomas Graeme, Philadelphia physician, purchased it in 1739 and converted it to a home. It is a mile west of U.S. 611 on County Line Road, near Horsham in Montgomery County.

5. **HOPE LODGE** is named for Henry Hope, who gave his name to the Hope Diamond. This beautiful 18th-century Georgian house was purportedly a center of intrigue in the Revolution. **OLD MATHERS MILL,** once owned by the presumed builder of the house, is close by. Hope Lodge is on former U.S. 309 near Fort Washington interchange (No. 26) on the Turnpike.

6. **POTTSGROVE MANSION** is the exquisite home of the Potts family of 18th-century ironmasters. Begun in 1752 by John Potts, it incorporates lovely classical features and contains a veritable museum of 18th-century furnishings. Pottsgrove is on U.S. 422 at Pottstown, Montgomery County.

7. A mid-18th-century farmhouse, built on the foundations of Daniel Boone's log cabin birthplace and furnished in country fashion, is open to visitors to the **DANIEL BOONE HOMESTEAD** in Berks County, as are other farm buildings and a museum, a mile north of U.S. 422 at Baumstown on L.R. 06107.

8. **CONRAD WEISER PARK,** a lovely stop at Womelsdorf, Berks County, contains the small furnished stone house of the famous Conrad Weiser, who contributed much toward the maintenance of Pennsylvania's peaceful relations with the Indians before 1755. It is located on U.S. 422.

9. Iron was smelted from 1742 to 1883 at **CORNWALL FURNACE,** one of the many iron plantations in rural Pennsylvania. This well-preserved furnace is located on U.S. 322 at Cornwall, Lancaster County.

10. Conrad Beissel, a German mystic, gathered his followers into a monastic community at Ephrata, beginning in 1732. The medieval buildings of the **EPHRATA CLOISTER,** carefully restored, puzzle and intrigue. The Cloister stands at the junction of U.S. 322 and 222 in Lancaster County.

11. The **PENNSYLVANIA FARM MUSEUM** at Landis Valley shows visitors the buildings, homes, crafts, tools, utensils, equipment, and decorative arts of country life in the 19th century. This museum village is just off U.S. 222 near Lancaster.

12. The **WILLIAM PENN MEMORIAL MUSEUM AND ARCHIVES BUILDING** in Harrisburg is the heart of the Historical and Museum Commission's activities. Exhibits tell the story of Pennsylvania transportation, geology, wild life, archeology, history, arts and crafts, and industry. Here are housed the archives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

13. A large scale reproduction of **FORT AUGUSTA,** a fortification erected in 1756 to repel possible attack during the French and Indian War, is located at Sunbury, Northumberland County, on Pa. 147.

14. The **JOSEPH PRIESTLEY HOUSE,** American home of the 18th-century English discoverer of oxygen and Unitarian theologian, may be visited in Northumberland on Priestley Avenue.

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23. David Bradford, a principal figure in the Whiskey Rebellion, which brought President Washington into Pennsylvania in 1794, built his home, the **DAVID BRADFORD HOUSE,** in Washington, Pa., at 173 South Main Street. Bradford fled the country.

24. **BUSHY RUN BATTLEFIELD,** west of Greensburg in Westmoreland County and near Jeannette on Pa. 993, is where Colonel Henry Bouquet defeated the Indians in 1763 in a battle which helped open western Pennsylvania to settlement.

25. The **FORT PITT MUSEUM** in a re-created bastion in Point Park, Pittsburgh, depicts the struggle for empire between France and Britain in western Pennsylvania and the old northwest and the history of Fort Duquesne, Fort Pitt, and early Pittsburgh.

26. Frederick Rapp established a Pietistic celibate society of work and prayer, **OLD ECONOMY VILLAGE,** in Ambridge on Pa. 65 at the Ohio River. Here these pious Germans prospered in agriculture and industry. Many of their buildings remain.

27. **OLD STONE HOUSE** is a reconstructed and interestingly furnished wayside tavern, built in 1822. It is twelve miles north of Butler on Pa. 8.

28. **DRAKE WELL MUSEUM** near Titusville (the museum is in Venango County) presents a full-scale outdoor replica of the engine shed and derrick over the world's first oil well, drilled there by Edwin L. Drake in 1859. A large indoor museum tells the story of the northwest Pennsylvania oil country.

29. **PITHOLE CITY,** off Pa. 227 north of Plumer, Venango County, is the site of a famous oil boom town of 15,000 people which was born in 1865 and died less than two year later.

30. Major George Washington, sent by Governor Dinwiddie of Virginia in 1753 to warn the French away from the Pennsylvania frontier, traveled as far as **FORT LE BOEUF,** Waterford, Erie County, to confront the French commander. The foundation of a later American fort can be seen at the site on U.S. 19. There is also a museum.

31. The reconstructed **FLAGSHIP NIAGARA,** at the foot of State Street in Erie, recalls the stirring victory of Captain Oliver Hazard Perry over the British on Lake Erie in 1813. The "Niagara" and other ships in Perry's fleet were built in Erie.

32. The **OLD CUSTOM HOUSE,** Erie, an impressive Greek Revival structure built in 1839 for the United States Bank, and the adjoining **CASHIER'S HOUSE** are being restored. They are at 409 State Street.

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